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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this 2-month Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate plus an 10-page Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111, for a total of 12 pages are being sent via facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 16, 2005 to (703) 872-9306.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

1. Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a **two (2)** month extension of time to file a Response to the outstanding Official Action mailed **12/16/04**. The period for response was previously set to elapse 3/16/05, and is accordingly hereby extended to 5/16/05, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response, which elapses 6/16/05.

2. A Response to the outstanding Office Action is filed herewith.

3. The required fee as established by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) is \$450.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **14-0603** for the amount of **\$450.00**. An extra copy of this sheet is provided herewith.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with these papers or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0603.

Respectfully submitted,

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